
**South Dakota Department of Education
Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting
January 27, 2005, 8:00-12:00 CT
DDN Teleconference**

Capital B, Pierre

NSU, Aberdeen

SDSMT, Rapid City

SDSU, Brookings

USD, Vermillion

BHSU, Spearfish

MTI, Mitchell

SD School for the Deaf, Sioux Falls

Chairperson - Ms. Barb Koenders

Vice-chairperson- Ms. Karn Barth

MINUTES

Members Present

Mark Krogstrand

Amanda Lautenschlager

Todd Christensen

Greg Riley

Jim Dunston

Barb Koenders

Greg Cooch

Lisa Heckenlaible

Judy Hoscheid

Bernie Grimme

Gail Eichstadt

Nicole Haneke

Heather Stettinichs

Members Absent

Karn Barth

Michele Cogley

Bertina Larcher

Connie McClintock

Staff Members

Julie Carpenter

Michelle Powers

Minutes Approved (As Read) (As Amended)

Chairperson: _____

Signature	Date
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Call to Order

Barb Koenders, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:10 am and made opening remarks. The Advisory Panel members made personal introductions for the benefit of the new members, Mark Krogstrand, Greg Riley, and Todd Christensen.

Angela Boddicker from the Special Education Programs Office spoke concerning a new agenda item. The SEP is looking for a parent of a child with a disability to read RFP (Requests for Proposal) applications for the SIG (State Improvement Grant). She added that it is preferred that this person live in the western part of the state.

Approval of Agenda

Bernie Grimme moved to accept the agenda for the January 27, 2005 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Gail Eichstadt. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from the October 13 & 14, 2004 Advisory Panel Meeting

The meeting minutes from October 13 & 14, 2004 were reviewed with no additions or corrections noted. Lisa Heckenlaible moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Judy Hoscheid. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Opportunity for public comment was given. There was no public comment.

Overview of Advisory Panel Priorities

Barb Koenders reviewed the three panel priorities.

1. Addressing IDEA Reauthorization
2. Child Find
3. Ensuring quality service providers

NASDSE (National Association of State Directors of Special Education)

Michelle Powers discussed Project Forum. Through this project, states are surveyed and provide information concerning data collection. This information will help improve outcomes for children with disabilities.

Directors Comments

❖ APR (Annual Performance Report)

Michelle Powers informed the Advisory Panel that the APR has been drafted. Panel members will be provided with the draft sometime in February for feedback. There are two areas in the APR which OSEP (Office of Special Education Programs) required more details. These areas are General Supervision and Secondary Transition. Michelle wrote an explanation concerning data for these areas. OSEP accepted her explanation.

❖ Section 504/ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Trainings

Michelle announced that John Copenhaver will be presenting Feb 7th in Rapid City, Feb 8th in Pierre, and Feb 10th in Sioux Falls concerning Section 504/ADA. The Section 504/ADA manual can be found on the state website.

❖ Navigator's Project

The Navigator's Project Grant, developed by Lynn Boettcher-Fjellanger, Director of the SD Parent Connection, and Michelle Powers, SEP Director, has been approved. The project is designed around the seven ESA regions. It is anticipated that there will be at least one "navigator" per region which will serve as a resource available to parties dealing with conflict

resolution. Outside/impartial members will help to solve conflicts. It will take some time to put into place. It may be in place by next fall. Funds will come from SEP Part B.

❖ **Extended Standards**

These standards were previously called functional standards. SEP has learned that the state extended standards should be more rigorous and more in-line with the state content standards. As a result, SEP will be holding a set of workgroup meetings with educators from around the state to align the extended standards to grade level standards. In addition, the groups will be developing the performance descriptors that are critical for the development of cut scores.

❖ **1% Exemption Rule**

LEAs can apply to the state to exceed the 1% cap. Applications for waivers were due in December. They were reviewed for completeness by SEP staff. Many districts had difficulty explaining or providing data. Additional data is due the end of January. Recommendations will be made to the Secretary of the DOE concerning exemption.

Michelle is applying for SD to exceed the 1% by seeking a minimum number of students for every district in the state. Montana applied for and received approval to waive the one percent limit for its more rural districts. South Dakota's application is modeled after the Montana approach.

PLANS Committee

Julie Carpenter reported that the Department of Human Services Division of Developmental Disabilities has been awarded a five year grant to assist families and communities in supporting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. At least 50 targeted families will be served in rural northeastern SD in the first year and year two will expand these services to include one Native American

Reservation in SD. Years three and four will include another Native American Reservation and three additional rural areas in SD. In year five, the goal is statewide implementation. The idea is to build on existing supports to provide services necessary for people to remain in their community. This project will provide those services by using a One-Stop Center to access services and a coordinator who will travel to the families to provide services and supports. The grant award is \$250,000 per year in federal dollars and \$83,333 per year in state dollars. Wanda Seiler, Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities, can be contacted for further information.

IDEA Reauthorization

Michelle shared some important dates with the panel.

- Dec 3, 2004- IDEA reauthorization was signed by President Bush.
- July 1, 2005- All pieces of the law go into effect, except Highly Qualified, which is in effect now.

Michelle also explained that reauthorized IDEA contains three sections.

- Title I- The bulk of changes are found here.
- Title II- Creates a National Center for Special Education Research.
- Title III- Contains miscellaneous provisions, including effective dates.

Michelle summarized the changes in IDEA using a PowerPoint presentation. This PowerPoint was made available to panel members prior to the meeting via email. She explained that this reauthorization summary is just preliminary and may change with regulations.

Linda Turner, SEP introduced herself to the Advisory Panel.

Upcoming Meeting

Pierre was mentioned as the site for the next meeting. April 13th was recommended as a meeting date with a possible 11:30-4:30 time frame.

Propose agenda items

Mark Krogstrand mentioned that the panel might want to focus on the next panel priority. This would make child find the next topic.

Michelle stated that she could also give a verbal update on the Navigator Program.

Adjournment

Mark Krogstrand motioned to adjourn the meeting. Heather Stettinichs seconded. Motion carried.

